## SAFETY BULLETIN!

## Motorcycle Safety Training (FY05) Fort Richardson, AK

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- 1. References: AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents / USARAK Safety Reg. 385-1, 4 Jun 04.
- 2. In accordance with the above references, military personnel and DA civilian employees are required to complete an Army approved motorcycle safety course in order to operate a motorcycle on a military installation. This applies to military personnel while operating a motorcycle on or off post, on or off duty, and DA civilian employees while on duty, on or off post. The Army approved motorcycle safety course is the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or equivalent, sponsored by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).
- 3. The Fort Richardson Installation Safety Office (ISO) has coordinated with Alaska Bikers Advocating Training and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Alaska, Inc., an MSF sponsored association, for this required training. This training is being offered to authorized, military/civilian personnel assigned/employed at Fort Richardson, at no cost to the individual. This is a one time training requirement! Proof of completion of an approved MSF course from a previous assignment is acceptable and meets this training requirement.
- 4. The following procedures apply to authorized personnel in need of this training.
  - a. Personnel must have a memorandum "Request for Motorcycle Safety Training" completed by their unit First Sergeant (1SG) or supervisor for DA civilian employees. (See Attached)
  - b. The individual bring a copy of the completed memorandum to the ISO located in room 238, Bldg # 1 on Richardson Drive between the hours of 0800-1600 Monday Friday.
  - c. The ISO will issue an A.B.A.T.E. certificate for training to the individual. NOTE: Certificates are controlled and must be signed for by the individual.
  - d. Once the individual has been issued a training certificate, he/she may contact A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska, and arrange for enrollment in one of their ERC. They are located at Alaska Leather on the corner of Arctic and Benson in Anchorage, AK (907) 566-3334 / 562-2324 or visit their website at www.abateofalaska.net.
  - e. Upon ERC completion, A.B.A.T.E. will issue an MSF certificate of course completion.
- 5. The ERC is offered Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday of each week (May September).
  This is a performance based "riding" course. This is <u>not</u> a beginners' (how to ride) course.
  Personnel in need of a beginners' course, must coordinate for this training, at their own expense.
- 6. Once registered for a course, it is imperative that the individual attend the course as scheduled. There are no refunds for an individuals' failure to attend training without prior coordination with A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska. Military personnel unable to attend the scheduled course due to military duties, must present a memorandum signed by their Commander or 1SG indicating the circumstances and need for cancellation or reschedule. All coordination and scheduling is the responsibility of the individual, through A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska, (907) 566-3334 / 562-2324.

All Commanders, Leaders, and Motorcycle Operators (Military & DA Civilian Personnel) are encouraged to review Motorcycle Safety standards and requirements for individual Personal Protection Equipment outlined in USARAK Safety Regulation 385-1, Chapter 19.

For Additional Information Contact the FRA ISO at 384-2382/2384! (FRA Garrison Safety @ www.usarak.army.mil/Garrison\_Safety/)